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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

> Re: **CS Docket Nos. 98-120 & 00-96 and MB Docket No. 02-277**
>   **Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Submitted herewith pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules is a notice regarding permitted oral *ex parte* presentations in the above-captioned proceedings. On March 4, 2004, Paul McTear, President & CEO, and Rebecca Bryan, General Counsel, of Raycom Media, Inc., together with the undersigned of Covington & Burling met with Jordan Goldstein, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps; Johanna Shelton, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein; Jonathan Cody, Legal Advisor to Chairman Powell; and Catherine Bohigian, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Martin.

The parties discussed Raycom's stations' present uses of and ideas for future uses of their digital spectrum to provide innovative, locally-oriented multicast programming to better serve their viewers. They also discussed the importance to broadcasters of adoption of a multicast digital carriage requirement both during and after the transition, as explained in pleadings filed in January by the CBS and NBC network affiliate associations. Finally, the parties spoke about the issues raised by Raycom concerning local ownership in its petition for reconsideration in the Commission's multiple ownership proceeding. We also distributed the attached handout.

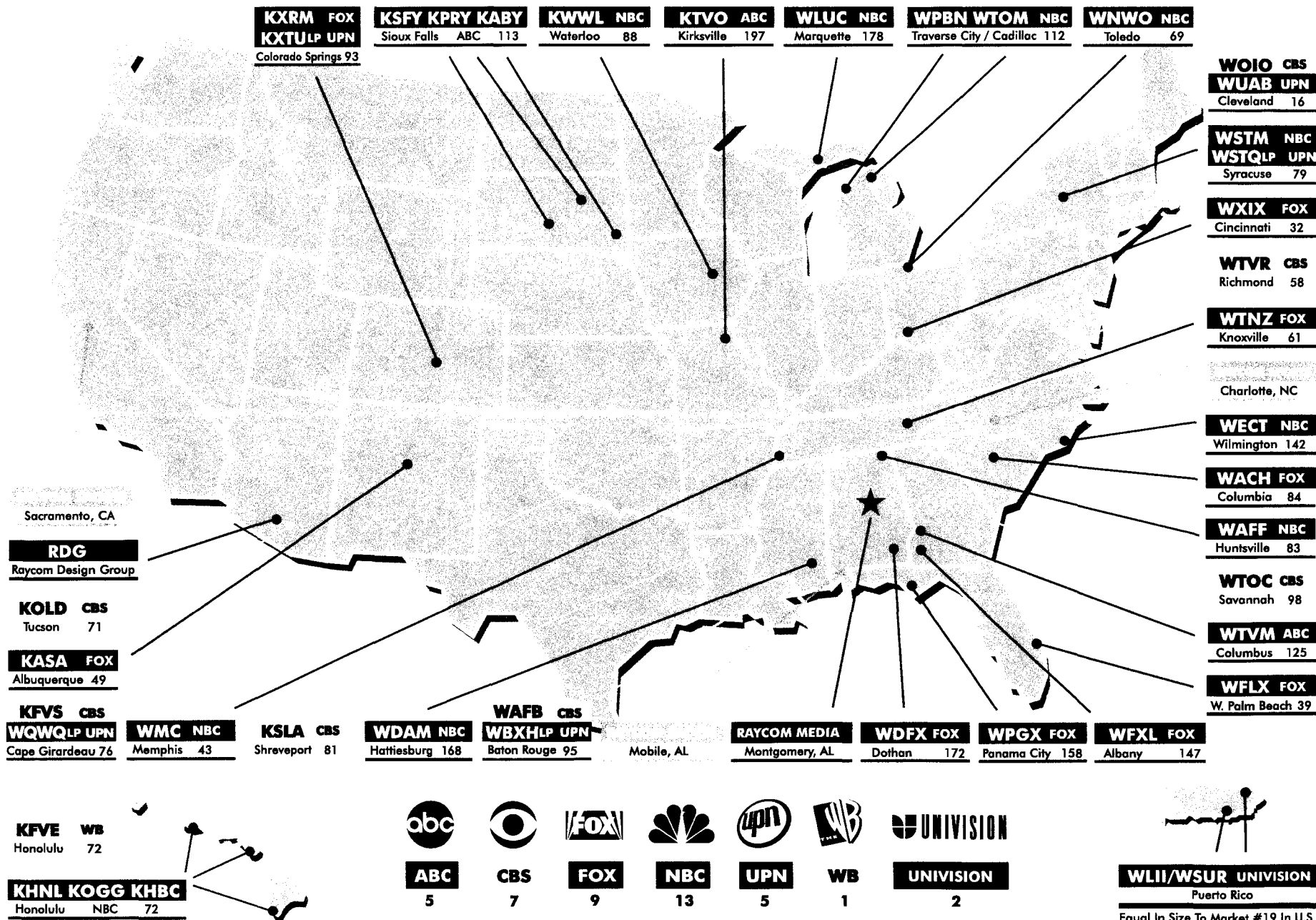Kindly address any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Kurt A. Wimmer
Amy L. Levine
Counsel to Raycom Media, Inc.

Attachment

cc: Catherine Bohigian
Jonathan Cody
Jordan Goldstein
Johanna Shelton

RAYCOM
Media

KXRM FOX
KXTU LP UPN
Colorado Springs 93

KSFY KPRY KABY
Sioux Falls   ABC   113

KWWL NBC
Waterloo   88

KTVO ABC
Kirksville   197

WLUC NBC
Marquette   178

WPBN WTOM NBC
Traverse City / Cadillac   112

WNWO NBC
Toledo   69

WOIO CBS
WUAB UPN
Cleveland   16

WSTM NBC
WSTQ LP UPN
Syracuse   79

WXIX FOX
Cincinnati   32

WTVR CBS
Richmond   58

WTNZ FOX
Knoxville   61

Charlotte, NC

WECT NBC
Wilmington   142

WACH FOX
Columbia   84

WAFF NBC
Huntsville   83

WTOC CBS
Savannah   98

WTVM ABC
Columbus   125

WFLX FOX
W. Palm Beach 39

Sacramento, CA

RDG
Raycom Design Group

KOLD CBS
Tucson   71

KASA FOX
Albuquerque 49

KFVS CBS
WQWQ LP UPN
Cape Girardeau 76

WMC NBC
Memphis   43

KSLA CBS
Shreveport   81

WDAM NBC
Hattiesburg 168

WAFB CBS
WBXH LP UPN
Baton Rouge 95

Mobile, AL

RAYCOM MEDIA
Montgomery, AL

WDFX FOX
Dothan   172

WPGX FOX
Panama City 158

WFXL FOX
Albany   147

KFVE WB
Honolulu   72

KHNL KOGG KHBC
Honolulu   NBC   72

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